

Ch 6 (Extra)
Sum and Product of Roots;
Writing Equations when given
the roots

Given the solution set, write the
equation.

ex 1:
{-5, 3}

$$x^2 + 2x - 15 = 0$$

$$(x+5)(x-3) = 0$$

sum = -2
prod = -15

ex 2:
{4, 6}

$$x^2 - 10x + 24 = 0$$

$$(x-4)(x-6) = 0$$

sum = 10
prod = 24

$$x^2 - (\text{sum of roots})x + \text{product} = 0$$

Given the solution set, write the
equation.

ex 3:
{-.5, 4}

$$2x^2 - 3\frac{1}{2}x - 2 = 0$$

$$2x^2 - 7x - 4 = 0$$

sum = $3\frac{1}{2}$
product = -2

(No fractions/decimals)

Write the equation given the roots:

ex 4:

$$\left\{-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\right\} \quad 8 \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{3}{8} = 0 \right)$$

$$\text{sum} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{product} = -\frac{3}{8}$$

$$8x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$$

Write the equation given the roots:

ex 5:

$$\left\{ \frac{2+i}{3}, \frac{2-i}{3} \right\} \quad 9 \left(x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{5}{9} = 0 \right)$$

$$\frac{2+i}{3}, \frac{2-i}{3}$$

$$\text{sum} = \frac{4}{3} \quad 2+1+2-1$$

$$\text{prod} \frac{(2+i)(2-i)}{9-i^2} = \frac{5}{9}$$

Create a common denominator or:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \quad (\text{Factor out } a)$$

$$a \left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} \right) = 0$$

$$a \left(x^2 - (\text{sum})x + \text{product} \right) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \text{prod} = \frac{c}{a} \\ \text{sum} = -\frac{b}{a} \end{array}}$$

$$\text{sum} = \frac{-b}{a}$$

$$\text{product} = \frac{c}{a}$$

Find k such that
 $4x^2 + kx - 15 = 0$
 has a root of $\frac{3}{4}$

$$\frac{3}{4}, r$$

$$\frac{3}{4} + r = -\frac{k}{4}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \cdot r = \frac{-15}{4}$$

$$r = -5$$

$$\frac{3}{4} - \frac{20}{4} = -\frac{k}{4}$$

$$-\frac{17}{4} = -\frac{k}{4}$$

$$17 = k$$

Find k such that
 $x^2 - 2x + k = 0$ has
 a root of $1 - \sqrt{7}$

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$$1 - \sqrt{7} + r = 2$$

$$r = +1 + \sqrt{7}$$

$$(1 - \sqrt{7})(+1 + \sqrt{7}) = k$$

$$+1 - 7$$

$$-6 = k$$

Also a good check.

Solve.

$$x^2 + 5x - 24 = 0$$

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